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EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 1765  
PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Takeshi SAITO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1765  
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Application No.: 09/807,896 ) Examiner: S. Ahmed  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 24, 2003, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Please amend claims 1 and 12 as set forth in the Amendments to the Claims section of this Amendment After Final.

The **Amendments to the Claims** section begins on page 2 of this Amendment After Final.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this Amendment After Final.

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